Amendments in Guidelines for Haryali under DPAP and IWDP

284. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the State Governments have asked for amendments in guidelines for Haryaii under DPAP and IWDP;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government propose to amend the guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (A. NARENDRA) (a) to (c) The task of revision of guidelines for any rural development is a continuous process and is taken up from time to time as dictated by the field realities. Accordingly, the Guidelines for Watershed Development that became operational with effect from 1.4.1995 were revised in August 2001. Subsequently, the guidelines were a gain revised and renamed as Guidelines for Hariyali in April 2003 to empower the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in all aspects of watershed development activities. Though some State Govemments are seeking further revision of the Guidelines for Hariyali, the experience of implementing watershed development projects of DPAP, DDP and IWDP under these Guidelines during the past two years is too short to warrant major amendments at this stage.

Assessment of Rural Development Schemes

285. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any assessment of the impact of the various Rural Development Schemes during the last one yean

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether these schemes have fulfilled the desired objectives;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) which are the schemes that are in operation in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL) (a) to (d) While no specific Impact Assessment Study has been conducted by the Ministry of Rural Development on the Rural Development Schemes, assessment of programme implementation has been done through various institutional mechanisms during the last one year. In the past, specifrc studies have